

PATENT - USSN 08/908,867  
Atty Docket 227/166US

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of Young et al.  
Serial No.: 08/908,867  
Filed: August 8, 1997  
For: Methods for Regulating Gastrointestinal Motility  
Examiner: Karen A. Canella

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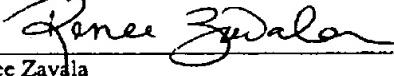
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Sir:

In reviewing their files for the above referenced application, Applicants discovered that they did not have signed and initialed copies of the form 1449/PTO filed by Applicants on July 30, 1999 and December 30, 2002. Applicants requested in writing that the Examiner forward signed and initialed copies of these form 1449/PTO's on September 30, 2004. Although the Examiner left a voice mail message on November 1, 2004, indicating that the requested documents had been mailed, Applicants have not yet received them.

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I hereby certify that the above LETTER TO THE EXAMINER in the application of Young et al., Serial No. 08,908,867, filed August 8, 1997, is being submitted to the Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria by facsimile transmission to telephone number (703) 872-9306 on this 30th day of November, 2004

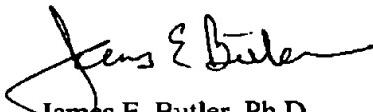
  
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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner forward signed and initialed copies of the requested forms 1449/PTO at the Examiner's earliest convenience. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this request, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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